

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on April 19, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 20, 4/19/2017
HJ 16, 4/19/2017
HJ 17, 4/19/2017
HJ 24, 4/19/2017

Executive Action: HJ 16 - BE CONCURRED IN
HJ 17 - BE CONCURRED IN
HJ 20 - BE CONCURRED IN
HJ 24 - BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HJ 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 20, Interim study of transparency in health care pricing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:26 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Hospital and Bozeman Health; also speaking on behalf of Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana and Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System
00:05:04 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
00:05:36 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic and Community Medical Center
00:05:59 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:24 Sen. Gross
00:06:59 Rep. Kelker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:33 Rep. Kelker
00:07:44 Sen. Caferro entered the hearing.

HEARING ON HJ 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:23 Rep. Shane Morigeau (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HJ 16, Interim study of homelessness reduction.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:55 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:38 Sen. Sands

00:19:52 Rep. Morigeau

00:20:03 Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:07 Rep. Morigeau

HEARING ON HJ 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:07 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HJ 17, Interim study of prescription drug costs and pricing.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:54 Sen. Gross

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:04 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:30 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HJ 24, Interim study on funding and services for developmentally disabled adults.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:45 Rose Hughes, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

00:32:22 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:07 Sen. Sands

00:38:50 Ms. Brenneman, DRM

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:02 Rep. Hamilton

Committee Business:

00:41:27 Chair Howard
00:41:36 Sen. Sands
00:42:38 Sen. Gross
00:42:52 Sen. Sands
00:42:59 Chair Howard
00:43:02 Sen. Hinebauch
00:43:24 Sen. C. Smith
00:46:11 Sen. Sands
00:47:00 Sen. C. Smith
00:47:20 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 16

00:47:32 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HJ 16 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:47:39 Sen. Caferro

00:48:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Howard voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

00:49:09 Sen. Gross

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 17

00:49:22 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HJ 17 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:49:38 Sen. Sands
00:50:04 Sen. C. Smith

00:51:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Howard voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

Discussion:

00:51:24 Sen. Sands
00:51:28 Sen. C. Smith
00:51:32 Sen. Gross
00:51:34 Sen. C. Smith

00:51:40 Chair Howard
00:51:45 Sen. Gross
00:51:48 Sen. C. Smith
00:51:51 Sen. Sands
00:52:01 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 20

00:52:02 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:52:13 Sen. Gross
00:53:06 Chair Howard
00:54:24 Sen. C. Smith
00:55:08 Chair Howard

00:56:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 24

00:56:45 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HJ 24 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:56:54 Sen. Sands
00:57:50 Chair Howard
00:58:40 Sen. Sands
01:01:36 Sen. C. Smith
01:02:21 Sen. Sands
01:03:14 Chair Howard
01:03:22 Sen. Hinebauch
01:04:22 Sen. Caferro

01:06:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Howard voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Caferro will carry the bill.

Discussion:

01:06:41 Chair Howard
01:06:48 Sen. Gross

01:07:02 Sen. Caferro
01:07:07 Chair Howard
01:07:23 Sen. Caferro
01:07:52 Chair Howard
01:08:08 Sen. Sands

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:06 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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